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Council Seeks Repair for Statue And Endorses WSSC Impact Fee

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council dealt with "... dirty water, dirt piles and ... a dirty statue," (in the words of Councilmember Thomas White) at its January 25 regular meeting. At issue were the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center, topsoil stockpiled in the Northway area and a proposed impact fee on new development.

Mother and Child

The Mother and Child Statue has been damaged over the years by vandalism and the elements. "A few years ago, the city staff painted it after attempts to remove graffiti were unsuccessful. The city has considered various options for renovating the statue, including hiring an artist to recarve it, but has been unable to secure adequate funds or consistent advice on how best to restore the statue.

Eric Berlin, city administrative assistant, reported to council on the history of the statue and the city's attempts to determine how best to restore it. He said that, based upon the advice he has received, it appears that painting the statue was a mistake and may be causing further damage to the stone. Council unanimously approved a motion calling for removal of the paint and directing the Arts Advisory Committee to take an active role in determining how best to renovate or protect the statue.

Systems Development Fee

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is seeking state authorization to impose a "systems development charge" to cover the costs related to serving new construction. The fees would be charged to the property developers, who would most likely pass the costs onto the eventual purchasers or tenants. Council voted 4-1, with council member Antoinette Bram opposed, to support the fee.

County council member Richard Castaldi told the city council

that it appeared that the necessary legislation could be passed by the state legislature, if the municipal governments were on record supporting the measure. He pointed out that several other jurisdictions already have the authority to impose such fees and that separate action by the Prince Georges and Montgomery County Councils would be required to actually impose the fee.

Bram said she could not support the fee without knowing its impact on new homeowners. In addition, she wanted a cap on the increases faced by current ratepayers. Castaldi argued that most first time homebuyers purchase existing, not new homes, and would not be affected by the fee. Capping WSSC rates could result in deterioration of maintenance, he said.

Northway Dirt Piles

The city has acquired wood chips and approximately 10,000 cubic yards of topsoil free of charge, from the contractor clearing the Metro site. The material is being stored near the Northway fields.

City Manager Daniel Hobbs said the topsoil is certified high quality and that the soil and chips will be used for a variety of city projects and will be made available to citizens without charge. He assured council that adequate sediment controls will be placed around the materials and that the dirt pile will be seeded to create an "attractive berm."

Council member Rodney Roberts told Hobbs that councilmembers should have been informed of the decision to place the dirt at Northway. He said that city staff had previously agreed not to dump any more dirt at Northway and questioned the placement of the pile, which he said blocked access to trails.

Hobbs apologized for not notifying council. He said the city staff has taken actions to prevent dumping on the site, with police department cooperation. However, he said the dirt in question was being "stockpiled," not dumped. Hobbs did not recall any promise not to use the area for materials storage.

Public Works Director Carl Hirsch said the contractor would be returning the next day to reshape the dirt pile within the confines set by the city. This will reopen access to the trails.

Arts Facility

The Greenbelt Arts Center has recommended that a "first-class performing arts facility" be constructed at the planned community center. The Arts Advisory Committee recommended consideration of the Arts Center's proposal and recommended that the city hire a theater-design consultant to develop the plan further. Council accepted the report for future consideration.

Lake Park Concession

Council approved changes in

the lake park concession stand lease splitting the cost of electricity between the city and the operator, and temporarily reducing the franchise fee.

Other Actions

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld swore in Jeffrey S. Eckrich as a city police officer. Eckrich has been a cadet in the city force since September 1989. He was not previously old enough to serve as a sworn police officer. Eckrich has completed his academy training and on January 31 began his field training in the city.

Council reappointed Booker Hughes and Rabbi Saul Grife to the Community Relations Advisory Board; Dial Silvers, Barbara Simon and Eileen Peterson to the Arts Advisory Committee; Julian Weiss to the Crime Prevention Committee; Leonie Penney and Martha Price to the Recycling Advisory Committee; Marjorie Bergemann, Helen Geller and Leonie Penney to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Dan Frend to the Youth Advisory Committee.

Local Pilot Crashes

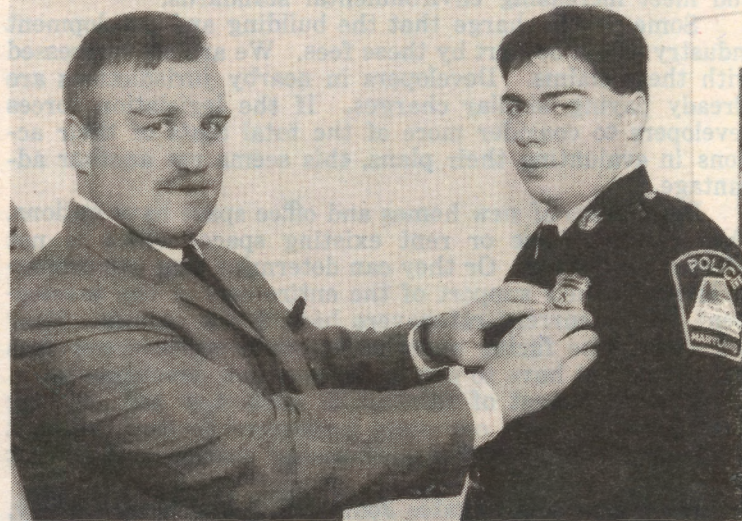
by Mary Lou Williamson

David Spiegelthal, 35, the Greenbelt pilot who landed his disabled four-seater plane in a residential area in Lanham on Sunday, is reported to be improving in his recovery at Prince Georges Hospital Center. Spiegelthal was brought by ambulance to the hospital in critical condition. Surgeons repaired facial cuts and bruises and a fractured leg. On Tuesday Spiegelthal's condition was upgraded to "good" and he was expected to be moved from intensive care to a regular room, according to Kristina Smith, spokesperson for the hospital.

On a trip from Friendly, in Southern Maryland, to Laurel, the pilot experienced engine trouble and sought guidance from air traffic controllers at Andrews Air Force Base. Spiegelthal was directed to the College Park Airport, about a mile beyond the crash site. The pilot was able to put the small plane down on the front lawn of a house on Martina Terrace damaging only the lawn, a tree limb and perhaps a car. Damage to plane and pilot were moderate.

According to air safety inspector Margaret Napolitan of the National Transportation Safety Board's Washington field office, the wreckage of the plane is being stored at the College Park Airport. Napolitan was expected to inspect the engine and fuel lines Wednesday to see what happened for safety reasons. Commenting on the pilot's landing, she said, "Spiegelthal did a good job avoiding objects."

Spiegelthal, who grew up in Greenbelt, lives in the 9 court of Research Road.



Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze pins badge on Greenbelt's newest police officer, Officer Jeffrey S. Eckrich, left, after graduation ceremony held at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold on January 29.

— photo by J. Henson

City Council, by 4-1 Vote, OK's Cafe-Cinema Proposal

by Diane Oberg

On a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed, the Greenbelt City Council voted to support Greenbelt Theater owner Paul Sanchez's request for state legislation authorizing county theaters to apply for a license to sell beer and wine in a cafe-cinema operation. Council also recommended restrictions on the license, including minimum size and investment, a requirement for a no alcohol family matinee, and limiting the hours of alcohol sales.

In opposing the motion, Roberts questioned whether alcohol is really a prerequisite for the theater or for a viable center. Without restrictions in the legislation prohibiting fights and other types of entertainment, he said requests for such events would be only subject to liquor board approval and he did not trust the liquor board to respect the city's requests.

In an attempt to obtain Roberts' support, Weidenfeld suggested and council agreed to amend the motion to require a separate contract between Sanchez and the city, binding upon future owners, that the type of entertainment will not be changed without city approval. Roberts voted against the revised motion.

In order for Sanchez to open under new format, first the state legislature would have to approve legislation establishing the new license; then Sanchez would have to apply to the county liquor board to obtain such a license.

One concern raised by several people during council's discussions on the issue was the possibility that Sanchez would offer other entertainment, such as live shows or big-screen TV. Such features might attract a different clientele than the current mix of movies, and offer greater opportunities for patrons to get drunk. City Solicitor Robert Manzi told council that any change from feature films would require liquor board approval.

No Smoking

Sanchez told council that, contrary to a report in a county

newspaper, he does not own the Bethesda Cinema and Draft-house. He also said that he would not permit smoking in the theater, because it would be "too much of a hassle." Manzi doubted that the fire marshal would permit smoking in the old, unsprinklered theater.

Roberts challenged Sanchez in several areas. He reported on visits to several of Sanchez's other theaters, saying that they were no better attended than the Greenbelt theater. He charged that he saw unaccompanied minors purchasing tickets to R-rated films and questioned how well the restrictions on the sale of alcohol would be enforced.

White Skeptical

Council member Thomas White was also skeptical. He could not understand, he said, how a theater with so much support could be not economically viable. He asked for updates on the Greenbelt location's financial status, but said he would continue to be skeptical.

Sanchez countered that he would like nothing more than to maintain the theater in its current format and "not invest another dime." He expects to invest an additional \$183,000 to convert to the cafe-cinema format (including construction, furnishings, licensing fee and other expenses). That, he said, is a lot to invest in a business that has already lost more than \$200,000.

Sanchez discounted the anecdotal evidence of attendance. He said his other theaters in general attracted much larger

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State's Atty. to Hold Community Meeting

Prince Georges County State's Attorney Alexander Williams, Jr. will host a community meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on February 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting is designed to give residents an overview of criminal justice in Prince Georges County from his perspective.

Williams will also share crime statistics as well as discuss crime legislation pending before the Maryland General Assembly. Citizens will have an opportunity to talk directly with Williams and express their concerns about crime.

Yes, on Impact Fees

We urge the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation giving the county council the authority to establish development impact fees for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. We do so for two reasons.

First, this is not a state issue. The bill puts the decision in the hands of the county council, where it belongs. Second, we see no reason why those building new developments should not be expected to pay the costs of providing the needed water and sewer service. Current ratepayers are facing large enough increases to maintain the system and meet increasing environmental standards.

Some people charge that the building and development industry would be hurt by these fees. We are not impressed with these claims. Developers in nearby jurisdictions are already paying similar charges. If the legislation forces developers to consider more of the total costs of their actions in evaluating their plans, this seems yet another advantage.

Purchasers of new homes and office space have options. They can purchase or rent existing space, which is not affected by the fee. Or they can determine that the property is worth the support of the entire cost of the development. Many current ratepayers have fewer options. They will already be facing sharply increased water/sewer fees and should not have to pay to support new development.

In the interest of fairness to both new and existing ratepayers, we urge our state legislators to pass, without weakening, the legislation authorizing development impact fees.

We commend Delegates Joan Pitkin and Mary Conroy, County Councilmember Richard Castaldi and the majority of the Greenbelt City Council for their support of this legislation.

Where's the Plan?

We are still concerned about the parking lot renovations planned for Roosevelt Center. The City Council is proceeding rapidly with this project. Bidding and contract award are expected to take place this month. The project will beautify the parking lots and improve vehicle circulation and pedestrian and handicap access at a cost of approximately \$750,000. When complete, there will be 16 more parking spaces than currently exist.

Our main concern is that, although the work will improve the appearance of the lots, it will not address the most important need—that for more parking for Center businesses. There currently is not adequate parking to support a viable center. Whenever council considers changes that could help the businesses prosper, someone always raises the valid concern that a successful business will overwhelm the parking facilities.

The project may also be premature. The city has not yet presented and received comment on plans to accommodate the patrons of the community center planned for Center School. We are disturbed by the reported statement of Planning and Development Director Celia Wilson that the community center would use only existing paved areas.

The City Council needs to have a plan for adequate parking facilities at both the commercial center and the community center before it makes an irrevocable commitment to reconstruct the center lots without significantly increasing parking capacity. The Council needs to tell us where we are going to park.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Condolences to Norman McCarthy and family on the recent death of his mother Estelle.

Rachel Nicole Ridley was born November 29 at Holy Cross Hospital, weighing 9 lb. 2 oz. She is welcomed by proud parents Charles and Marilyn Ridley, brother James Mills Jr., and grandmother Jane Craver, all of Ridge Road.

A speedy recovery is wished for Elaine Skolnik who has been down with a bit of pneumonia. Elaine, we miss and need you.

All Greenbelt sends warm greetings to David Spiegelthal who amazingly landed his dis-

Golden Age Club

by Adeline Hinson

A Valentine party will be held on February 10. Please bring your own sandwich. The club will furnish the punch and other refreshments. Come dressed in Valentine's Day colors and enjoy good fun and company.

On February 17 we will have a Chinese auction. If you have not already brought in what you want to sell, please do so by no later than February 10.

abled plane with almost no damage to anything but himself. He is recovering from surgery at Prince Georges Hospital Center. Get better quick!

Speak Up

The size of the proposed rate increase by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission you have read about is accurate. The additional 14 percent cutomers in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties are being asked to pay is one of the largest increments we have requested in recent years. There are legitimate reasons for the increase—and there is a remedy.

Three main factors have become the driving force behind the rate increase: (1) debt service; (2) environmental regulations; (3) growth. The first is the interest we must pay on our capital improvement projects—more than half of our \$416.8 million operating budget goes toward debt service. Environmental regulations require all water utilities to spend what it takes (\$140 million in our case) to safeguard the public health and conserve resources. The third factor, growth, accounts for about a third of the proposed rate hike. The Commission also lost significant revenue last year because of lower water consumption due to above average rainfall.

An important public hearing on the WSSC's budget requests will soon take place, and it would be well worth our customers' time and effort to attend it. The hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. February 10, in the Commission Auditorium at 14501 Sweitzer Lane in Laurel.

We need and encourage your input at the hearings, on how best to fund our projects and operating costs. One option is to proceed with the proposed rate increase. Another is to curtail or eliminate certain capital improvement projects or the level of service currently being provided. Still another recourse is to let growth and new development pay for itself, an expense now borne by all of our customers.

Your comments at these meetings may be submitted verbally or in writing. New rates and charges are adopted only after such comments are given full consideration. But to be heard you must make the effort to be there, to let us and your elected officials know the service you expect and how we can meet these demands while spending your dollars wisely.

Richard G. Hovevar,
WSSC General Manager

Questionable

I think the selling of alcohol in the Greenbelt Theatre in the same room where children are is a questionable way to bring more profit to the theater owner.

Jean Snyder

Subscriptions and Deadline Information

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Letters to the Editor

One Sided

Democratic Councilman Richard Castaldi recently wrote a blatantly one-sided letter in support of additional taxing authority for WSSC through a Systems Development Charge (SDC).

Unfortunately, his letter is filled with half truths and omissions.

Castaldi began by saying "Yes, folks, we are going to get stuck with double-digit increases in water and sewer bills... because citizens like you and I are picking up the cost of expanding the system."

What Castaldi withheld was the fact that WSSC has admitted that rates will increase by double digits whether or not the SDC passes. WSSC has said it will increase rates 10% if it gets the SDC charge and 14% if it does not. That 4% amounts to \$9.60 a year on a water bill of \$60 a quarter.

Castaldi also didn't tell you the WSSC already charges new residents for the cost of bringing water and sewer service from the main pipe to their homes... it's called the foot front charge and has been added to all new homes for 23 years.

The real solution to lower rates is for WSSC to get their own costs under control. Any agency that increases its rates by 13.6 percent in FY 93 and then proposes an additional 14 percent increase for FY 94 smacks of mismanagement and fiscal irresponsibility, and certainly should not be given additional taxing authority as espoused by Castaldi.

Barbara A. Dorney, Chairman
Prince Georges County
Republican Central Com.

Is It Essential?

Is it really that essential to have Greenbelt Theater stay open for the sake of tradition, nostalgia? In these days of company lay-offs, downsizing and bankruptcies, who's to guarantee Sanchez will not decide to close the theater anyway, after all that extensive remodeling is done?

Promoting attendance through the sale of alcohol hardly seems the 'green' thing to do.

Bob Snyder

Remarkable

The editorial (Walkway Plan Needed) of January 28, was remarkable. Your point was that pupils need a "safe offstreet route to the school." The most remarkable thing here is that somehow children from north of Ridge Road have never had any trouble going by sidewalk (which is complete around the block in question) but that children south of Hillside need a paved trail through the woods. Readers of the News Review will recall that during the debate leading to the vote on where to locate the school, the prevailing view was that potential pupils tended to be more populous near the northend site than near the (more southerly) Center School location. Now we need to pave a trail through the woods to convey fewer children. That's remarkable.

Also remarkable is the absence of any public demand for action on a trail through this parcel of GHI woods. While PRAB and the News Review editors are entitled to have an opinion on this and any issue, I believe the neighbors (of which I am one) views need to be given due consideration. GHI has concluded a public hearing to solicit the affected members' feelings on the disposition of Parcel Z. All the neighbors who came to the hearing (and many more according to a casual survey) were opposed to a paved trail.

Surely the city of Greenbelt has enough demands on its famously stretched budget.

Bob Rashkin

Info Wanted

I'm in the fifth grade at Northeast Elementary in Kearney, Nebraska. I have adopted your state as a class project. I will be doing a report and other projects. Then later in the school year at a "State Fair," I will display and report everything I have learned about Maryland.

I would appreciate receiving postcards of your state, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, neat places to visit, and any other information you feel would be helpful. Please mail them to: Darbi Lewis, Northeast Elementary, Mr. Haas Class, 910 East 34th St., Kearney, NE 68847.

Thank you from Nebraska.

Darbi Lewis



COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS

Regular Meeting
Council Room

Interviews with Board of Appeals Applicants
- Conference Room and Library

Interviews with Applicants for Advisory Boards and Committees
- Council Room and Library

Legislative Breakfast
in Annapolis

Regular Meeting
Council Room

Day and Date
Monday, 2/8
8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/9
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Correction

Four area fire departments responded to a call from a resident of Green Ridge House on January 20 at 8:30 p.m. concerning "odorous smoke." Fire fighters spent 15 to 20 minutes searching for smoke both inside and outside the building, but found none, according to Chief John Wynkoop of the Greenbelt Fire Department. The "building fire team" responded to the call, said Wynkoop: Greenbelt, one fire truck; West Lanham Hills, three fire trucks; Berwyn Heights, one ladder truck and one rescue squad; and Branchville, two fire trucks. There were also three ambulances. The officers in charge at the scene were the chiefs from Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights.

Roosevelt Students Present Musical

"Bye, Bye Birdie" is this year's musical presentation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 4-6, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets at the door.

Toastmasters Meet

People interested in improving their public speaking skills or getting rid of the nervous jitters they get when they are in front of an audience, may find Toastmasters useful.

Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club is looking for new members. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9 at 7:15 p.m. Call Dave at 474-9626 for location.

Sarff's Photography At Library Gallery

The Gallery of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System presents works by local photographer Joseph Sarff.

Sarff's show will be on display February 1 through 26. The public is invited to the opening reception to be held on Saturday, February 6 from 3-5 p.m.

The Gallery is in the Greenbelt Branch Library. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday 2-5 and 6:30-9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m.

Painters, sculptors and other visual artists in Prince Georges County are invited to contact the library at 301-699-3500 about booking a show at The Gallery.

Bird Talk

On Sunday, February 7 and 21 at 10 a.m. a Greenbelt Park Ranger will discuss the behavior, feeding characteristics and physical identification of the different species of birds that feed in the park. Participants will also observe the birds at a working feeding station. Meet at the campground entrance. For information call 344-3948.

Arts Center Holds New Play Auditions

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions for the premier production of Bruce McDade's "Small of My Mind." The auditions are scheduled for February 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This fun-filled new play calls for a cast of seven women from their 20s to 70s and one man, aged 20 to 50. The play will be directed by Jim Roberson and produced by Steve Blais. For more information call the Arts Line at 441-8770.

Explorers to Discuss Taxes, Healthy Eating

On Friday, February 5, "Explorations Unlimited" participants will learn about the Department of Family Services tax counseling for the elderly. Paddy Bailey, Al Buschman and Tom Moran, all volunteer tax counselors, will be the presenters. They will inform the participants on what they need to know when filing their tax returns. Questions will be welcomed.

On Friday, February 12, Paula Cook, a consulting dietician for the University of Maryland and Kaiser Permanente, will speak to "Explorations Unlimited" participants on the subject "Can Healthy Eating Be Fun?"

Cook will be presenting general guidelines on how to eat out, and how to prepare foods and still keep one's favorite foods in one's plan. She will be bringing along some healthy recipes, complete with a sampling of fat-free cookies.

Cook's philosophy is: "The answer isn't a diet, it's a healthier way of life; physically, emotionally and spiritually, healthy and happy people."

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Youth Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 474-6878.

Fun at Goddard

A model rocket launch will be held at the Goddard Visitor Center on Sunday, February 7 at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Persons may bring their own rockets for launch or just watch. All launches are supervised and monitored for safety.

A 40-minute video, "Robotics in Space" will be shown on Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. Dr. Stan Ollendorf from Goddard explains how robotics are used and tested in the space program.

The Goddard Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on Soil Conservation Road.

Dating Game Comes To Fountain Lodge

Springhill Lake will host the Dating Game scheduled for Thursday, February 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is an east coast alternative to the real Dating Game. Winning couples will receive dinners for two, compliments of Jasper's and Hawthorne's.

To attend or to be a contestant in the Springhill Lake Dating Game, contact the Fountain Lodge at 474-4555, and ask for a registration form. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be offered. Contestants need to be 21 and older. For more information, please call 474-4555.

St. Hugh's to Hold Free Throw Makeup

The St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus is having a free throw competition makeup date for 14 year old boys and girls, and 12 year old girls at 1:30 Sunday, February 7 in the St. Hughes gym. The other winners who were crowned last week were Rhianon Brinkley, Sarah Barnett, Meagan Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, Andrew Weyel, Mike Berard, and Tom Simpson. The winners of the Sunday's makeup will join them in the District level free throw shoot to be held February 20.

The Kidprinting program, originally scheduled for January 30 with the council free throw contest, is now postponed until February 20. It is to be held in conjunction with the district level free throw contest on that day.

The Kidprint station, provided by Blockbuster Video of Beltsville, is for all age children. Their voices and images are captured on a security videotape that will go home with the parents.

Road Runners Marathon

by Larry Noel

Some Greenbelters are organizing the 32nd annual D.C. Road Runners Marathon, a 26.2-mile running race on Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. This race is one of the oldest races in the country and was started by Hugh Jascourt of Greenbelt. It is an opportunity to qualify for the Boston Marathon as it is on a certified course and Boston accepts our results. Long sleeved T-shirts and awards are given out and it is the D.C. Road Runners Marathon Championship. Even more popular than the marathon is a marathon relay which has been held for four years. The relay is run 9, 8 and 9.2 mile legs and runners may be male or female or COED teams. There is a fee. It's possible entries may be obtained at the Recreation Department or by contacting Bill Brogan at 4204 Breezewood Lane, Annandale, Va. 22003, phone (703) 256-2327. Relay entries only from George Banker P.O. Box 44053, Ft. Washington, Md. 20749.

Children's Author To Read at Bookland

Dorothy Boggess, a native of Louisville, Kentucky will be reading her book, "Medley of Travels," at Bookland in Beltway Plaza, Saturday, February 13 at 2 p.m. in celebration of Black History Month.

Boggess came to Washington, D.C. in 1941, after graduating from Kentucky State College, as one of the first of five black women employed in the war department. While in Washington, D.C. she took courses in social work at Howard University, then returned to Kentucky as the first black social worker at Louisville General Hospital.

In Boggess's "Medley of Travels," she reminisces about her numerous travels from Russia to Hawaii. She visited Cuba in 1980 with her husband, George, and comments, "President Carter had just permitted citizens to travel to Cuba and George was hog wild to go."

In addition to reading her own work, Dorothy will read from selected children's short stories and will be available for autographs. All children who attend the story hour will receive a free book from Bookland in honor of African American History.

For additional information, call Henry Gershman at 301-474-0033.



I. AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

FEBRUARY 8, 1993

8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentation
7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- * 8. Minutes of Meetings
- * 9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Amend Resolution #786 in Order to Correct the Nonresidential Occupancy License Fee Section in Accordance with the Code Enforcement Program of the City of Greenbelt, MD, as Described in Chapter 22, Article 4, Sections 22-32 - Second Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Presentation of Final Plans for Youth Center Renovation
13. National Park Service Request RE: Subdivision of DiCamillo Tract on Good Luck Road
14. Attick Park Concession Lease
15. State Legislation - HB-229
- * 16. Aquatic Center Pool Waiver Requests

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change.

II. AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION LIBRARY

In accordance with Section 5 of the City Charter, the City Manager has called an EXECUTIVE SESSION for Monday, February 8, 1993, at the conclusion of the regular meeting. It will be held in the Library.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consult with legal counsel and discuss personnel matters.

Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

For information, please call 474-3870.

Dorothy Lauber, CMC
City Clerk

GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

presents

The Caine Mutiny Court Martial

"gripping court room drama"
"suspenseful character study"

By Herman Wouk

Directed by John DiMeo

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

Fri. & Sat., Feb. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 8 p.m.

& Special Matinee, Sun., Feb. 21, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$8 - general admission
\$6 - seniors / students

CALL 441-8770
For info / reservations

Estelle McCarthy

Estelle M. McCarthy, a 32-year resident of Greenbelt and a longtime member of St. Hugh's parish, died Friday at Golden Oaks Nursing Home, Laurel. She was 89. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday by Father Thomas Crowley at St. Hugh's Church.

A native of Washington, Mrs. McCarthy moved to Greenbelt in 1961. Since 1968, she lived at 129 Greenhill Rd. in Lakewood with her son Norman McCarthy, his wife Jo Ann and their children.

A leading Catholic laywoman, she was a Third Order Discalced Carmelite and past president of the Discalced Carmelite Guild. As a teen, she was a convert to Catholicism following instruction in the faith by then Father Fulton J. Sheen and Franciscan Father Godfrey Schilling, founder of the Franciscan Monastery in Northeast Washington.

In 1930, she wed William R. McCarthy, a motion picture photographer for the Agriculture Department's W.P.A. program and during World War II a civilian photographer for the Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J. and Astoria, L.I. He died in 1954.

Mrs. McCarthy is survived by a son, Norman A., managing editor of the Catholic Standard, newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington; a sister, Inez Bradley of Berwyn Heights; three brothers, James E. Baker of Monterey, CA.; William F. Baker of Haywood, CA.; and Alvin Baker of Florida; and four grandchildren, Colleen McCarthy Hensel of Greenbelt; Christina McCarthy of Bowie; Kelly McCarthy of Greenville, SC, and Daniel McCarthy of Greenbelt.

Services were held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 2. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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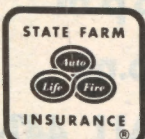
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This 1939 television set is on display for several weeks at the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road. The console features a mirror underneath the top to reflect the horizontal picture.
— photo by Sandra Lange

Lucille McKeever

Lucille C. McKeever, 75, died January 15 at Prince Georges Hospital.

Mrs. McKeever is survived by daughters Janet M. Griffin, Massachusetts and Doris Rosenkratz, Hughsville, Md.; sons, William N., Newburg, Md.; James H., Florida; Charles R., Indian Head; Robert W., North Carolina; and Dennis E. and Ronald D., Crofton. Services were held at Fleck Funeral Home, Laurel with interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Museum Displays 1939 TV Set

by Sandra Lange

Although it is unlikely that anyone in Greenbelt owned a television set in the 1930s, the Greenbelt Museum has a vintage 1939 RCA television/radio console on display. The set, which is owned by Craig Roberts of Ridge Road, is on loan to the museum for several weeks. The television set can be seen, along with the Art Deco Chrome and Glass Exhibit, at the Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, on Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

According to Roberts, who collects antique televisions as a hobby, approximately 1800 sets were manufactured from 1939 to 1940. Only two stations, one in New York and one in Los Angeles, broadcast about two hours of programming each week. The set in the museum would have cost about \$500 to \$600 new—about the price of a new car in those days. Original Greenbelt families who were selected for housing by the federal government, however, had limited in-

comes. Many did not own cars or washing machines, or even have telephones in those post-Depression days.

Experimental television sets were also produced in England in 1936 and were both mechanical and electronic, Roberts stated. The set on display at the museum is approximately three feet in height and has the characteristic mirror on which the horizontal screen is reflected. A similar set was shown at the 1939 New York World's Fair and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech during the opening ceremonies was televised on one of the five channels.

Roberts acquired the television set by passing the word around to hobbyists on the East Coast of his interest in purchasing an early model. A businessman found the set, which had been stored in a locked room in a hardware store for approximately 40 years. Roberts has restored the set to working condition using original parts.

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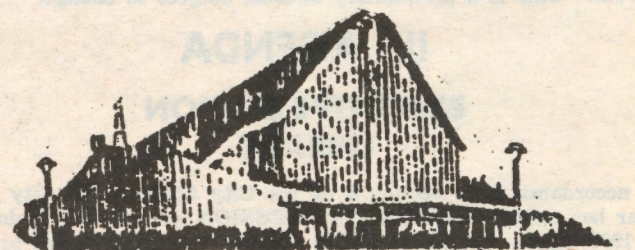
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If he is permitted to convert to the new format, Sanchez does not expect significant increases in attendance. However, he expects that the additional food and drink sales would allow him to make a profit.

Both Greenbelt CARES and the Greenbelt Police Department reviewed the proposal. Greenbelt CARES had no objections. Chief Craze's only concern was parking; he doubted that alcohol or the clientele would cause problems for the police.

Manzi noted that an establishment can be fined \$1,000 the first time it is caught selling liquor to a minor. A second violation can result in loss of the license.

Council member Antoinette Bram tried to get a commitment from Sanchez that if the cafe operation caused problems for the city, he would be willing to consider closing it down. Sanchez assured her that if he got the liquor license, council "will be happy with the operation we run," but was unwilling to make the open-ended commitment the council member sought. Bram settled for Sanchez agreeing to cooperate to correct any problems caused by the operation.

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'Court Martial' to Be Held At City Council Chambers

by Sandy Smith

"The Caine Mutiny Court Martial," by the Greenbelt Arts Center opens Friday, February 12 for a three weekend run, in the Greenbelt City Council Chambers. The play which highlights a small part in the original World War II drama by Herman Wouk, focuses on the court martial which pits Captain Queeg against his accusers. Was it mutiny or justified action when Lt. Merrik relieved the Captain of his command? This play answers that question.

Directed by John DiMeo, the play takes us back to World War II and an investigation of the actions of Captain Queeg of the USS Caine during a typhoon in the Pacific Ocean. Director DiMeo says that this drama shifts our attention to the defense attorney, played by Jill Cheilik. It is a tense play, he says, with comic and poignant moments. He says that this production is especially well suited to the Council Chambers and that this courtroom-like setting creates a very realistic setting.

This production abandons tra-

ditional casting of all white male actors. In addition to Cheilik, this drama features Trix Whitehall and Hopi Auerbach who have performed in other Arts Center dramas. As usual there will be newcomers to the Greenbelt stage as the Arts Center productions draw talented cast members from throughout the metropolitan area.

Captain Queeg, originally made famous by Humphrey Bogart, will this time be played by Steve Lotberman. Prosecuting Attorney is actor Norman Grant and Steve Blais plays the Chief

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EAR PROBLEMS IN CHILDHOOD

A quarter of sick visits to a pediatrician's office is made because of some ear problem. Ear infection is the second most common illness during childhood (exceeded only by the common cold).

The ear can be divided into three parts; the outer, the middle, and the inner ear. Problems of the middle ear are by far the most common cause for visits to the doctor.

The middle ear is connected to the outside through a long narrow tube called the Eustachean tube. The other end of the tube opens onto the back of the nose near the adenoids. When one swallows, the Eustachean tube opens, and the pressure between the middle ear and the outside equalizes. That is why, when one takes a ride in an airplane, a person should chew gum, or a baby should suck on a bottle.

When the Eustachean tube becomes obstructed, either due to swelling of the tube from a cold or allergy, or due to enlarged adenoids pressing on the inner opening, the middle ear fills with fluid, a negative pressure develops sucking in the ear drums, and crackling and popping is heard when one moves one's head. The presence of stagnant fluid leads to infection and pus in the middle ear. The accumulation of pus will make the ear drums bulge until finally the drums may rupture allowing the pus to drain through the outer canal to the outside. Both a sucked in drum and a bulging drum can be extremely painful. After the rupture the pain subsides. (Why ear aches seem to start always at night and on weekends I do not know.) Thus usually middle ear infections are preceded by colds or allergies.

When a doctor looks into an ear canal he will note: a) a normal ear drum with a shiny gray color; or b) a retracted ear drum with a fluid-air level; or c) a red, dull ear drum indicating infection; or d) a ruptured ear drum with pus in the canal. A ruptured drum usually heals quickly, and if treated properly it will be as good as new.

Middle ear infection (OTITIS MEDIA) is not contagious, although the previous colds are.

TREATMENT of middle ear infections consists of antibiotics and decongestants (although how much the decongestants help is debatable). Which antibiotic will work depends on the infecting germ — not the child. Just because one antibiotic didn't work for the last ear infection does not mean that it will not work for this one. Treatment of a ruptured ear drum consists of antibiotics by mouth as well as via ear drops. Middle ear effusion (fluid) is treated with cortisone, and sometimes with antihistamines and decongestants.

If the earache starts in the middle of the night, put some warm, clean oil in the ear canals, and give the child pain medicine, until you can reach the doctor.

Some children have a malfunctioning Eustachean tube, and they get many ear infections. Furthermore, those infections fail to clear completely, causing the child to retain thick fluid in the middle ear constantly. This condition can result in partial hearing loss, speech defects and delays, hyperactivity, and learning disabilities. If the fluid remains in the ear for a long time, these conditions may become permanent. So if a doctor asks you to come back in a week or two for a return visit, to make sure that the ears have cleared up, listen to him/her.

Chronic ear infections are not easy to treat. At first we try antibiotics, decongestants, antihistamines, and cortisone for long periods of time. Later we may recommend surgery, such as adenoidectomy and ventilation tube insertion. Occasionally, an allergy work-up and shots are indicated.

Outer ear infections (OTITIS EXTERNA) involve the outer ear canal, and is also known as "swimmer's ear," because that is the usual cause. They are excruciatingly painful. Treatment is with antibiotic ear drops.

Inner ear problems are very rare in childhood. The inner ear contains the hearing organ, and the balance mechanism. Problems with the inner ear should always be treated by an ear specialist.

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A 29-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with possession of a concealed deadly weapon (a .38 caliber handgun)

and possession of marijuana after his vehicle was stopped in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive for a traffic violation on January 22. He was also driving with a revoked driver's license. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$2500 bond pending

trial.

Responding to a report of a breaking and entering in progress in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive on January 25, officers stopped a man who matched the description given of the suspect as the man was leaving the building. After investigating the

incident, which proved to be domestic in nature, officers arrested the man, a 29-year-old non-resident, and charged him with breaking and entering and malicious destruction. The man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

An attempted breaking and entering of a residence in the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy. was reported on January 25.

On January 26, a breaking and entering of a residence in the 100 block of Lakeside Drive was reported; jewelry and savings

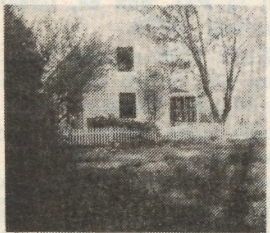
bonds were stolen.

On January 22 police recovered a stolen 1985 Chevrolet truck that was parked in the grass in the 7500 block of Mandan Road. No arrests were made.

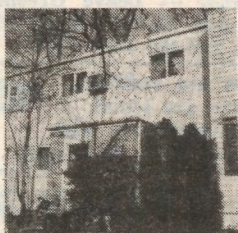
On January 22 a white, two-door 1983 AMC Renault, D.C. tags 260289, was reported stolen from the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace.

On January 23 a 1989 Chevrolet conversion van was reported stolen from the 6900 block of Hanover Pkwy. It was later recovered.

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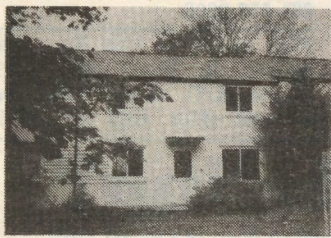
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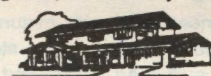
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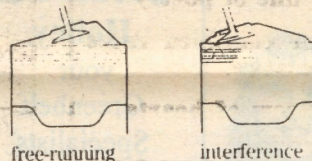
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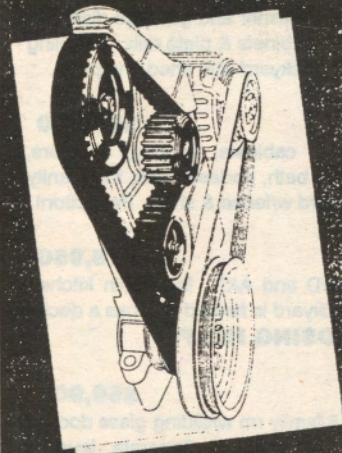
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TIMING Belts



- ▶ **WHAT** they are
- ▶ **WHERE** they are
- ▶ **HOW** to know if your car has one
- ▶ **WHY** you need to know

JOE'S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Hello again.

From time to time people ask me questions in reference to their particular vehicle, and I render advice as I see fit. Case in point, a couple of months ago I was asked the question, "Does my vehicle need to have the engine valve timing belt replaced?" I casually asked what was the mileage. "76,000," was the reply. I responded "no question, IT NEEDS IT!!" The owner gave me every reason why she didn't want to undertake this repair. "OK," I said, and went about my work. Well approximately four months later, this very same vehicle was towed into the repair facility with a broken engine valve timing belt! This is the killer part: I estimated this job for this engine due to its interference type engine. This means that the pistons will collide with the exhaust valves if valve timing is interrupted, normally caused by valve timing belt failure. A normal preventive maintenance valve timing belt service goes out the door around \$300 - \$400, depending upon application and components installed; now it turned into a \$900 - \$1,200 project. This makes me sick because this is a preventable type of repair!!! And, my advice was not taken seriously.

Engine valve timing belts are a part of vehicle preventive maintenance service requirements and need to be addressed in accordance with the time and mileage. Not all engines are interference engines, and internal damage will not occur. We have a listing that determines which engines fall into this category.

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